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NATIONAL CITY TO BE ABSORBED BY COMMERCIAL

Big Bank Merger to Be
Made Within Forty-
eight Hours.

COMMERCIAL WILL
INCREASE CAPITAL

Transfer Will Be Made on Basis
of Five Shares for
Six.

Statistics of Banks Involved in Deal

COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANK
Capital \$500,000.00
Surplus and profits.. 302,284.14
Deposits 3,496,607.78
Book Value, per share 160.45

NATIONAL CITY BANK
Capital \$300,000.00
Surplus and profits.. 92,364.73
Deposits 1,095,112.34
Book Value per Share 180.79

Negotiations are under way that
will probably end in the transfer of
the National City Bank to the Com-
mercial National Bank, within the
next forty-eight hours.

Although details have not been
completed, it is practically un-
derstood that the matter will be closed
on the basis of an exchange of five
shares of Commercial National stock
for six shares of National City. The
directors of the latter institution
will meet this afternoon to consider
the proposition.

It is understood that National City
interests made the proposition to sell
the bank to the Commercial and the
officials of the latter gave favorable
consideration to the project.

Relative Values.

The National City Bank has a capi-
tal of \$300,000, a surplus and un-
divided profit of \$92,364, and deposits
of \$1,095,112. The Commercial Na-
tional has a capital of \$500,000, a sur-
plus and undivided profit of \$302,284,
and deposits of \$3,496,607.

The relative book values based on
the last statement of each institution to
the Comptroller of the Currency, March
7, was \$130.79 for the National City
and \$160.45 per share for the Com-
mercial National.

The market price of the National
City has been \$170 a share, and of the
Commercial \$200.

In order to make the exchange the
Commercial National Bank will in-
crease its capital stock by \$250,000,
or from \$500,000 to \$750,000.

Organized in 1905.

The National City Bank was orga-
nized December 14, 1905, with a capital
of \$300,000. It was purchased about
two years ago by interests identified
with the Union Savings Bank and
moved from the building now oc-
cupied by the United States Trust
Company to its present bank build-
ing, occupying one-half of the space,
while the Union Savings Bank oc-
cupies the other half.

While holding its own under the pres-
idency of E. Quincy Smith, also presi-
dent of the Union Savings Bank, the
bank has found it difficult to make headway
with a savings institution in the same build-
ing.

Some time ago E. Quincy Smith made
an attempt to obtain control of the
Commercial National Bank, making a
bid for the 1,000 shares of stock in that
institution owned by C. C. Stevens, but
E. E. Jordan raised his bid and pur-
chased the Stevens holdings at \$25 a
share.

The Commercial National Bank was
organized in October, 1904, by Frederick
C. Stevens and local capitalists. It was
prosperous from the start.

The officers of the National City Bank
are E. Quincy Smith, president; E. W.
Woodward, vice president; E. Floyd
Cawley, cashier; and J. N. Thompson
and R. A. Cissell, assistant cashiers.

Officers of both institutions are ex-
tremely reticent and will make no state-
ments for publication, further than to
say that negotiations are not concluded.

Much interest is expressed in financial
circles as to whether the Union Savings
Bank will remain in its present quarters
if the National City Bank goes out of
existence. It is known that the bank
building that now quarters both the
National City and the Union Savings
Bank, and owned by the Union Building
Company, is on the market.

Bureau of Mines' Car and Equipment for Rescue Work at Mine Disasters



Dressed for Rescue Work.



The Top Picture Shows the Car and Members of Relief Crew. On the Bottom, at Left, Is Shown How First Aid
Is Given to the Injured, and on Right Is Interior of Car.

MEXICAN FEDERALS ROUTED BY REBELS WITH HEAVY LOSS

Ninety Soldiers, With Three
Officers, Slain in Fierce
Battle.

MEXICO CITY (via Galveston), April
8.—Ninety federal soldiers were killed
and Col. Torre Blanco and two lieutenants
were wounded in a battle with
rebels near Atlixco Pueblo yesterday,
according to dispatches received
here today.

This is one of the most serious de-
feats administered to the administra-
tion forces, practically the entire federal
command being exterminated.

According to the dispatches received
here, the federal troops were
trapped while marching through a
canyon near Atlixco Pueblo, which is
about 150 miles from Mexico City.

First cutting off their retreat, the
rebels attacked the command and the
battle, fiercely fought on both sides,
lasted from 6 until 9 o'clock in the
evening.

The battle on the part of the fed-
erals was hopeless from the start,
as the rebels had commanding posi-
tion from which they could not be
driven and they slaughtered the fed-
erals practically at will.

According to official information
here, another command has been sent
in pursuit of the rebels, with orders
to show them no quarter.

Corral Quits Mexico
For Eight Months; Is
Blamed for Revolution

MEXICO CITY, April 8.—Vice Presi-
dent Ramon Corral will leave Mexico
and go abroad on leave of absence.
It is considered equivalent to his resig-
nation.

After the wildest and most turbu-
lent session in the history of the
Mexican congress last night, leave
was granted to Corral by a vote of
141 to 32.

Corral is allowed leave of eight
months and unless he returns within
that time his office will be forfeited.
He and a new election will be called. He
will depart for Germany with his fam-
ily April 12 on the steamer Espagne.

Bitterly Assailed.
Bitter accusations were made in the
debate against Corral. President of the
Senate Peon Del Valle demanded Cor-
ral's resignation, and accused him of
being the cause of the revolution. The
discussion lasted four hours and a half,
and in spite of the severe reflections
made on himself, Corral was present
throughout. It is impossible as yet to
measure the effect of Corral's depart-
ure. In many quarters it is thought
it will merely increase the demand for
the abdication of Diaz. Minister de la
Barra said this morning he was opti-
mistic over peace prospects. He said
the people were accepting the govern-
ment reform program, and peace would
be established sooner than was generally
expected.

Dispatch Denied.

Relative to a dispatch to the effect
the governor of Nebraska has received
overtures to sell the Flores Hale estate
in Lower California to the Japanese for
use as a coaling station, the foreign of-
fice says:

"President Gonzales granted a con-
cession of 4,500,000 acres to Flores Hale,
in 1884. There have been many changes
in its ownership since. Magdalena Bay
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BROADER SCOPE TO MAIL INQUIRY TO BE DEMANDED

Proposed Amendment In-
cludes Investigation of
Whole Service.

Within the next two or three weeks an
amendment will be offered in the Sen-
ate to the act authorizing the appoint-
ment of a commission to investigate the
cost of handling second-class mail and
to recommend a readjustment of the
difference between the Postoffice De-
partment and the magazines of the
country.

This will provide for an investigation
of the whole postal service.
The act under which the commission
is now authorized to do business is,
according to a number of members of
both houses of Congress, too limited
in its scope. They want the powers
of the commission so extended that the
whole postal service might be investi-
gated and the relation between the
first, second, and third class mail rates
properly ascertained.

Thorough Probe Wanted.

The view is taken that to simply make
an investigation of the cost of handling
second class mail matter would not give
the people a correct idea of the work
of the Postal Service, yet unsolved.

Those Senators and Representatives
now back of the movement for the en-
larged investigation are convinced that
the probe should be inserted deeper than
originally intended, and that the com-
mission should determine whether or
not the losses, in handling one class of
mail, for instance, are in any way char-
ged up to the profits of handling.

If the amendment goes through as now
considered it will result in a complete
overhauling of the Postoffice Depart-
ment, and may result in a readjustment
of all rates for carrying the mails, in-
cluding, of course, the second class
rates, which are the immediate issue.

Maxwell Charge.

No statement is made at the White
House concerning the question, which
has been raised over the qualification of
Lawrence Maxwell, the Cincinnati law-
yer, a member of the commission
named some time ago to make the
postal rate investigation.

The charge had been made that Mr.
Maxwell is the attorney in Cincinnati
for a number of express companies.
This, it is said, is enough to disquali-
fy Mr. Maxwell for service on this
commission in view of the fact that the
express companies are even now bid-
ding for the business of carrying the
magazines should the postal rates be-
come prohibitive.

All that was said at the Executive
Offices concerning the matter is that
the question had never been brought up
and that the President had, therefore,
given the matter no thought whatever.

It is not regarded as likely that the
President will seriously consider the
suggestion that Mr. Maxwell be re-
placed on the commission on account
of his services as attorney in behalf
of the express companies.

Supreme Court Marshal
Files Suit for Damages

Declaring he was assaulted as an
officer of the District Supreme Court
while serving an attachment, Deputy
United States Marshal Stephen B. Cal-
lahan today filed suit for \$3,000 dam-
ages in the District Supreme Court
against George H. Schnebel, a saloon-
keeper at 900 Eighth street southeast.
Callahan says he was attacked by
Schnebel, against whom he had a
writ of attachment under a judgment.
Schnebel is also said to have incited
other men in the saloon to attack the
marshal, causing severe injuries. M.
F. Manion and John E. Laskey are
Callahan's attorneys.

B. R. Coles, Upholsterer, Ph. M. 618
Adv.

President and Mrs. Taft's Silver Wedding

President Taft and Mrs. Taft will
celebrate their silver wedding on
the 19th of June. They will have
a party at the White House, and
all the members of the family, as
well as many other relatives, will
be present.

For two or three days the President
has been steadily declining invita-
tions for this date. He has told
all his callers who wanted a part
of his time on this particular
nineteenth that he will resign all
work and give himself over to his
family and intimate friends on the
twenty-fifth anniversary of his
marriage.

If any program for the occasion
has been arranged it was not dis-
cussed at the White House today.
It is more than probable that open
house will be maintained, but
there is nothing definite to this
effect given out.

ARIZONANS REQUEST TAFT TO APPROVE THE CONSTITUTION

President Says He Must
Wait Until Action by
Congress.

President Taft today told a delega-
tion from the Arizona constitutional
convention that he would not either
approve or disapprove of the Arizona
constitution until it had first been acted
upon by Congress.

He gave them to understand that be-
fore he decided whether or not the ques-
tion of the recall of judges was com-
patible with the Constitution of the
United States that he preferred to have
the benefit of the arguments which will
be made in the House and Senate upon
this proposition. The delegation had
come to Washington to urge the Presi-
dent not to stand in the way of their
constitution should it be ratified by both
houses of Congress.

They pointed to the fact that 90 per
cent of the people in the Territory had
voted to make this instrument their
fundamental law, and that these people
should have the right to say how they
should govern themselves.

It developed during the conference
this morning that Senator Norris Owen
of Nebraska had been to see the Presi-
dent in behalf of the people of Arizona
and that Representative Flood, chair-
man of the new House Committee on
Territories, would confer with the Ex-
ecutive on Monday about the same
thing.

The party was headed by President
George W. F. Hunt, of the constitu-
tional convention, who was accompa-
nied by F. M. Axtell, E. B. O'Neill, and
C. H. Akers, all of Phoenix, Ariz.

Capt. Oyster Appoints
Reception Committee

A committee of seven has been ap-
pointed by James F. Oyster, president
of the Chamber of Commerce to plan a
reception or other means of meeting
members of the new Congress. The
committee consists of William F. Gude,
Robert N. Harper, Charles J. Bell, H.
B. F. Macfarland, D. J. Callahan, Scott
C. Bone, and Captain Oyster.

The committee to plan the annual out-
ing of the Chamber also has been
named, as follows: R. P. Andrews,
George H. Judd, Dr. H. M. Kaufman,
Ralph W. Lee, B. F. Saul, and Thomas
Grant.

STRIPLING AWAITS FREEDOM; ASSERTS HE'S NO CRIMINAL

Former Police Chief, in Jail
for Murder, Thinks Gov-
ernor Will Pardon Him.

COLUMBUS, Ga., April 8.—Thomas
Edgar Stripling, in his cell in Misso-
ssippi county jail, awaits the decision of
the governor which may set him free,
following recommendation for pardon by
the state prison commission. He gave
out the following statement today:

"Gratitude, that is my feeling this
morning. I felt in my heart that the
prison commission would recommend
my pardon—I could not see how it could
fail. They are men; they are human;
they have wives and children of their
own. How could they refuse justice to
a man who had only done what every
man who loves his home and honors his
womanhood would do?"

"I believe Governor Brown will grant
my pardon and give me my liberty. He
has the reputation of being a just man.
I feel sure I will be free within a week.

"My wife and children came to see
me this morning, my first sight of them
since I was torn away from our home in
Virginia. I was living an honest life,
doing my duty as I saw it. We were
happy. The younger children did not
know anything of their father's past.
I was just Chief Morris, of Danville,
with a thousand friends. Now I am
Stripling in a cell. I did not think my
wife and babies would ever see me be-
hind the bars and please God they won't
see me there much longer. I am in-
nocent of crime. I am not a criminal. My
life in Virginia has proved that.

"I said I had a thousand friends then.
Thank God they seem to be my good
friends yet. I have not an unkindly
feeling for any one in the world."

Governor Brown has set next Thurs-
day for a hearing in the case. Stripling
is showing the effects of his confine-
ment. He is physically weak and is
but a shadow of his former self.

Rhinelanders Ask
To Go to the Front

An attempt to start a new "war scare"
was made today when Fire Commissioner
Rhinelanders Waldo, of New York,
arrived at the War Department.

Commissioner Waldo came to back up
in person a previous request to be
given a command with the volunteers
as soon as United States troops inter-
vened in Mexico. He besought General
Wood, chief of staff, to tell him what
were the prospects for "something doing
in Mexico" and reminded him that he
was willing to take the glory of battle
when the opportunity should arrive.

Though he admitted that the situation
seems quiet, Waldo insisted that he had
not yet lost hope of going to the front.
"I would even be willing," he said,
"to get in an aeroplane—anything to get
down there at the front."

Commissioner Waldo was appointed
second lieutenant in the regular army
in 1899, and served in the Philippines,
where he was promoted to be captain
of scouts. His former regiment, the
Nineteenth Infantry, is now at San An-
tonio.

Avery Sentence Delayed
For Inquiry of Story

Imposing of sentence on five counts
charging false pretenses is delayed in
the case of Albert W. Avery until a
story he told that a balance on com-
mission for premium renewals was
due him from the Philadelphia agency
of a big New York life insurance com-
pany for which he was agent, and that
he directed the agency to forward the
money to the bank on which he drew
the checks amounting to \$15. When
he made out the checks he says he ex-
pected the money would be forthcom-
ing to cover them. Assistant United
States Attorney Given will investigate.

SEVENTY-FIVE ARE THOUGHT KILLED IN A MINE EXPLOSION

More Than One Hundred and Thirty-five
Men Were in Tunnels When Gas Pocket
Ignites Near Birmingham, Ala.

FEDERAL RELIEF BUREAU
IS RUSHING CREW TO SCENE

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 8.—Seventy-five men, most of them con-
victs, were unaccounted for and believed dead in the Banner Mine of the
Pratt Consolidated Coal Company at Littleton, eighteen miles from here,
this afternoon as the result of a gas explosion early today.

There were 135 men in the mine at the time of the accident, including
125 convicts and ten free laborers. Of the convicts at least thirty were
whites.

The explosion occurred in entry number six and about sixty men
escaped. The bodies of two had been taken out at noon.

State Inspector Hillhouse, with his assistants, and A. R. Brown, with
the crew of the Federal Bureau of Mines' station, left here to aid in the
rescue work.

There is no rescue car here, the nearest one being at Dayton, Tenn.
The station here is otherwise well equipped.

SEVENTY-SIX FOUND DEAD IN SCRANTON MINE FIRE

SCRANTON, Pa., April 8.—Seventy-
six bodies had been taken from the Price-
Pancost mine, at Throop, up to noon
today, and officials of the company de-
clare that there are still six more bodies
in the mine, making the total death
list seventy-six.

Forty-five bodies have been identified.
Among the dead is Joseph Evans, a
foreman of the United States Govern-
ment rescue corps. He died a hero on
the first rescue work he had been called
upon to lead since becoming connected
with the Government service.

John B. Perry, a common councilman,
who was working with the rescuers, is
among the dead.

An immediate investigation is to be
made of the disaster under the direction
of Mine Inspector Williams, in whose
district the workings are located.

Coroner Salley and County Detective
Rafter went to Throop this morning,
and they will conduct a complete inves-
tigation. The United States Mine Bu-
reau is also to conduct an investigation
in the hope of being able to find some
preventive against possible repetition
of a disaster of this character.

The force of workmen in the Dun-
more mine, commonly called the China
vein, 600 feet below the surface, were
at work behind the engine house at
the north slope when the fire broke
out in the engine house. Only one
escaped. He was Fire Boss Joseph
Vickers, who was working close to
the engine house when the alarm was
sounded.

Scenes of grief and anguish are being
enacted on the streets of Throop. Large
crowds surround the mine entrance, and
as each body is placed in an under-
taker's wagon, men, women, and chil-
dren rush toward it.

When the body of Stephen Ostresky,
a driver boy, was being taken from the
mine, a woman, an undertaker's wife,
with a shawl over her head, rushed
toward the body, crying, "Give me
that body, I'll take care of it."

Gave Life for Others.
"It's my boy! It's my boy! And
he's dead," she shrieked. "I'll take
care of him. I'll take care of him. I'll
take care of him. I'll take care of him."

One of the bodies recovered this
morning was that of John Gray, who
also goes down on the list of the day's
heroes. He was a rope cleaner and
received word of the fire in time to
reach the shaft.

He died of asphyxiation, having been
choked with the coming of day-
break. His number had greatly de-
creased during the morning and vol-
unteers had to be called for.

In the death of Joseph E. Evans, the
Government mine rescue foreman, who
died in the attempt to save others from
the fate he himself met, there is a touch
of martyrdom.

Looked Office at Sacrifice.
Mr. Evans started in life as a chain-
man in the engineer corps on the Lacka-
wanna, and finally became foreman of
the Continental mine. Six weeks ago
Mr. Evans was tendered the appoint-
ment as foreman of the mine rescue
corps, which he accepted, though it
meant a financial sacrifice.

He was the son of Ewan J. Evans,
district superintendent of the Delaware,
Lackawanna and Western. He is a
brother of Mine Inspector Llewellyn M.
Evans, of the second district.

John B. Perry, the other member of
the rescue party, who died as the re-
sult of inhaling dangerous gases and
fumes, was forty years old, and repre-
sented the First ward in the common
council.

WHITE HOUSE CALLERS.

SENATORS

Curtis, Kan. Smith, Mich.
McCumber, N. D. Brown, Neb.

REPRESENTATIVES

Bates, Pa. Borah, Mo.
Howland, Ohio. Pray, Mont.
Hughes, W. Va. Danforth, N. Y.
Olmstead, Pa. Legare, C.
Dyer, Mo. Stearns, Va.

OTHER CALLERS.

Commissioner Judson,
Secretary Wickham,
Attorney General Wickersham.